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SUBJECT: GEOLOGIC AND BIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION OF
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1. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR GEOLOGIST J. PLATT BRADBURY IS NOW IN VENEZUELA PARTICIPATING IN AUGUST 9-30 INVESTIGATION OF LAKE VALENCIA AS PART OF TEAM OF SCIENTISTS FROM UNIVERSITIES OF COLORADO AND INDIANA AND INSTITUTO VENEZOLANO DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS (IVIC). NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PROVIDING FUNDS FOR HIS TRAVEL EXPENSES. BASIC PURPOSE OF STUDY DEALS WITH ORIGIN AND DISTRIBUTION OF ORGANIC MATERIALS IN WARM LAKES. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) ANTICIPATES THAT MR. BRADBURY'S INVOLVEMENT WILL PROVIDE MANY INSIGHTS INTO NATURE OF OIL SHALE DISTRIBUTION AND DEPOSITION, GREATLY ASSISTING USGS RESEARCH EFFORT ON THIS PROBLEM, AND WILL DEVELOP INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO USGS PROJECTS IN ITS COAL GEOLOGY AND OIL AND GAS BRANCHES.

2. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT VACATION SCHEDULE PREVENTED A MORE PROMPT MESSAGE TO EMBASSY. A JULY 28 LETTER FROM USGS ON SUBJECT IS BEING POUCHED SCIENCE OFFICER TURNQUIST. KISSINGER
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